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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR 1916

Mr. President: In accordance with the ordinances and By-Laws of the College, I herewith submit the following report of the Library Committee for the year 1916:

Total number of volumes in the Library, including the bound volumes and 15,367 unbound "Reports" and "Transactions"	115,346
Number of unbound "Theses" and "Dissertations" .	8,577
Number of unbound pamphlets	92,789

Included in the above total there are 3,479 volumes known as "reserves," consisting of second copies of some of the more important periodical publications, and 2,993 volumes more or less incomplete.

The duplicates, which are not included in the above total, number 4,568.

The following table shows the number of volumes in the various divisions of the Library:

	Bound.	Incomplete and unbound.	Total.
General Library . . .	79,614	2,946	82,560
Lewis Library	13,596	44	13,640
On permanent deposit:			
S. D. Gross Library . .	3,559	3	3,562
Library of the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia .	217	....	217
			99,979

Received during the year from all sources 3,936 volumes, 13,070 pamphlets and 18,608 numbers of various periodicals.

Divided as follows:

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Journals.
General Library . . .	2,910	12,918	18,608
Lewis Library	10		
S. D. Gross Library . .	5		
By purchase from General Fund	418		
In exchange	595	152	
	3,938	13,070	18,608

Accessions (including 25 volumes "reserves"):

General Library	2,436
Lewis Library	10
S. D. Gross Library	5
	2,451

Total increase in number of volumes for the year, 2,451.

Photographs received in response to requests sent out during the year:

Fellows of the College, 29. Foreign, 1.
Total number of portraits listed, 7,577.

The individual "donors" for the year ending November 1, 1916, number 443; this represents 892 distinct presentations. Each gift is duly acknowledged and properly recorded.

The following list shows the donations of 25 volumes or more, and the number of volumes presented by the various publishing houses:

	Volumes.
Dr. S. M. McCollin	171
Dr. R. S. Hooker	122
Dr. F. P. Henry	113
Dr. F. D. Patterson	95
Dr. G. M. Piersol	77
Dr. C. K. Mills	74
Dr. W. H. Bennett	54
Dr. Samuel G. Dixon	48
Dr. Francis R. Packard	47
Dr. Joseph Sailer	47
Dr. B. D. Parish	46
Dr. Oscar H. Allis	40
Dr. C. W. Burr	39
Mrs. C. R. Heed	39
Dr. W. G. Spiller	32
Dr. H. A. Hare	29
Dr. W. W. Keen	27
Dr. J. C. Wilson	27
Dr. David Riesman	25

From the publishing houses of:

D. Appleton & Company	1
P. Blakiston's Son & Co.	19
Ch. Boulangé, Paris	11
F. A. Davis Company	14
Lea & Febiger	1
J. B. Lippincott Company	14
Salvat y Compaiña	2
W. B. Saunders Company	48
William Wood & Company	5

The Library is indebted for large gifts of pamphlets and unbound periodicals to the following donors:

Dr. Mary C. Allen
Dr. Oscar H. Allis
Dr. Charles Baum
Messrs. P. Blakiston's Son & Co.
Dr. Burton Chance
Dr. John M. Cruice
Dr. Edward P. Davis
Dr. G. G. Davis
Dr. F. X. Dercum
Dr. C. W. Dulles
Dr. A. A. Eshner
Dr. Charles H. Frazier
Dr. E. H. Goodman
Dr. J. P. Crozer Griffith
Dr. S. McC. Hamill
Dr. Hobart A. Hare
Mrs. C. R. Heed
Dr. F. P. Henry
Dr. A. Bern Hirsh
Dr. R. S. Hooker
Dr. William W. Keen
Dr. John A. Kolmer
Dr. Robert G. LeConte
Dr. Morris J. Lewis
Messrs. J. B. Lippincott Company
Dr. G. Morley Marshall
Dr. Edward Martin
Dr. Wm. J. Merrill
Dr. Charles K. Mills
Dr. John K. Mitchell
Dr. Elliston J. Morris
Dr. George W. Norris
Dr. G. W. Outerbridge
Dr. F. R. Packard
Messrs. W. B. Saunders Company
Dr. A. C. Sautter
Dr. George E. de Schweinitz
Dr. William G. Spiller
Dr. L. W. Steinbach
Dr. H. W. Stelwagon
Dr. C. F. Taylor
Dr. T. Turner Thomas
Dr. Joseph P. Tunis
Dr. Henry R. Wharton
Dr. J. William White
Dr. James C. Wilson
Dr. C. S. Witherstine
Dr. William Zentmayer
Dr. M. W. Zimmerman

734 new publications were added to the Library during the past year. 41 of these were written or edited by Fellows of the College.

30 volumes were presented by the following authors or editors:

Dr. Astley P. C. Ashhurst (editor)
Dr. Francis G. Benedict
Mrs. A. A. Bliss (editor)
Sir T. Lauder Brunton, Bart.
Dr. Francis X. Dercum
Mr. H. H. Donaldson (compiler)
Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet
Dr. R. H. Ferguson (compiler)
Dr. Herbert Fox
Dr. Hobart A. Hare (editor)
Dr. F. L. Hoffmann
Dr. C. W. Hollopeter
Dr. Edward Jackson (editor)
Dr. J. Köräsi
Dr. Stuart McGuire
Dr. G. W. Mackenzie
Dr. George W. Norris
Dr. G. Delgado Palacios
Dr. John B. Roberts
Dr. E. A. Schumann (editor)
Dr. P. G. Skillern, Jr.
Dr. J. E. Sweet
Mr. Edward Trust (compiler)

18 volumes were sent by the publishers at the request of the following authors or editors:

Dr. James M. Anders
Dr. P. Andreae
Dr. A. Max Goepp
Dr. George M. Gould
Dr. E. E. Graham
Dr. William W. Keen
Dr. John A. Kolmer
Dr. H. R. M. Landis (editor)
Dr. Joseph McFarland
Dr. C. E. de M. Sajous
Dr. George E. de Schweinitz
Dr. Louis Starr
Dr. James Thorington
Dr. W. S. Wadsworth

Summary of the Funds:

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Henrietta Rush Fales Baker Fund	61	$98.05
Luther S. Bent Fund	8	12.97
William T. Carter Fund	32	91.44
Girardus Clarkson Fund	2	2.08
Francis X. Dercum Fund	46	135.54
Louis A. Duhring Fund	15	36.96
John D. Griscom Fund	18	83.18
William F. Jenks Fund	42	152.41
Oliver A. Judson Fund	..	....
William V. and John M. Keating Fund	18	44.77
William W. Keen Fund	20	78.21
Library Endowment Fund	43	187.20
Horace Magee Memorial Fund	207	572.47
J. Ewing Mears Fund	24	78.62
Charles K. Mills Fund	5	7.65
Weir Mitchell Fund	13	52.85
John H. Musser Fund	9	27.59
Elizabeth K. Newcomet Fund	14	27.34
William F. Norris Fund	28	171.28
Charles A. Oliver Fund	2	4.22
Philadelphia Medical Society Fund	2	5.47
Lewis Rodman Fund	7	45.18
Douglas Stockton Warren Fund	24	49.05
John F. Weightman Fund	2	10.81
Caspar Wistar Fund	49	137.58
	691	$2,112.92

Special Accounts:

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Fund for completing files of journals . . .	200	$524.99
Fund for rare and valuable books	20	1,257.66
New Book Fund	17	30.69
S. D. Gross Library Account	3	4.80
	240	$1,818.14

George B. Wood Fund for Library supplies, etc. Expended $308.47.

Morris Longstreth Fund. Expended on account of Salaries, $1,156.89.

Catalogue Endowment Fund. Expended on account of Salaries, $40.35.

	1916.	1915.	Increase.
Books bound	1,253	953	300

	1916.	1915.	Decrease.
Number of Visitors to the Library	5,910	8,270	2,360
[Fellows of the College: . .	1,864	3,263	1,399]

The Library has been kept open two evenings each week and on the six minor legal holidays, for the same hours and period of time, as during the preceding year.

	1916 (77 evenings).	1915 (75 evenings).	Decrease.
Visitors, evening	553	690	137
[Fellows of the College . .	156	186	30]
Visitors, legal holidays . . .	74	125	51
[Fellows of the College . .	17	24	7]

The above figures are included in the total number of visitors for the year.

	1916.	1915.	Decrease.
Number of books consulted in the Library	18,808	25,770	6,962

The number of books reported as "consulted in the Library" includes only those supplied on demand. Readers have access

to the bound volumes kept in the Reading-room, and the Fellows of the College have access to the Book-stacks. There are therefore a great many volumes consulted of which no accurate record can be kept.

	1916.	1915.	Decrease.
Number of books taken out . .	4,533	4,799	266

	Works.	Volumes.	Cards written.
Cataloguing	993	1,206	12,030

All the books added to the shelves during the past year, and 323 of the more important pamphlets have been catalogued, and each volume has been accessioned and shelf-listed.

12,791 unbound pamphlets and reprints have been subject-headed and arranged alphabetically by subject, and by author under the subject. The work of making this important change in the arrangement of the unbound pamphlets and reprints is now about completed, and the binding by subjects will be commenced during the coming year.

Revision of catalogue: Number of cards revised, typewritten, examined and filed for the year ending November 1, 1916: 15,911.

The revision of the catalogue has been completed as far as the subject "Veratrine" in the second series of the "Index-Catalogue."

The current periodical publications, including "Transactions" and "Reports," received as issued, at this time are obtained through the following sources:

	American.	Foreign.
Endowment Funds	17	292
By purchase from General Account . . .	45	415
In exchange	95	91
Editors	124	21
Publishers	57	2
In addition, current numbers of periodicals are received, at stated intervals, through the courtesy of the editors and editorial staff of the following journals: American Journal of the Medical Sciences; Therapeutic Gazette	145	44
	483	865

Actual number of current periodicals received at this date, 943.

New subscriptions added during the past year: American 15; foreign, 66. Total, 81.

The following is a list of the foreign schools of medicine with which we exchange publications:

University of	Amsterdam	University of	Königsberg
"	Basel	"	Lausanne
"	Berlin	"	Leiden
"	Bern	"	Leipzig
"	Bonn	"	Liège
"	Breslau	"	Lund
"	Erlangen	"	Marburg
"	Geneva	"	Rostock
"	Giessen	"	Strassburg
"	Göttingen	"	Upsala
"	Greifswald	"	Utrecht
"	Halle	"	Würzburg
"	Heidelberg	"	Zurich
"	Kiel		

Faculty of Medicine of Bruxelles
" " Paris
" " Toulouse
" " Yucatan

The above list has been allowed to stand as it was prior to the war in Europe; while it is hoped that after the disturbance has ended all the institutions named will resume their duties, yet it seems quite possible that a revision will have to be made. During the past year we have heard from Amsterdam, Bern, Giessen, Göttingen, Lausanne, Leipzig and Toulouse.

The Bureau of International Exchanges will only deliver parcels to certain designated places in Europe; and, in consequence, the *Transactions* of the College for a number of our foreign exhanges must be held in waiting.

378 dissertations have been received, and of these 352 were added to our collection during the year.

We have received for the current year ending November 1, 1916, in cash, from the sale of duplicates, $281.68.

We have an exchange, arranged on a cash basis, with two New York dealers, and have received during the past year books and journals valued at $48.35; and have a balance to our credit of $116.46.

During the year we have distributed duplicate books and journals on exchange account to the following:

Boston Medical Library
Hygienic Laboratory, United States Treasury Department
Kansas City Medical Library Association
Ramsay County Medical Society Library
United States Department of Labor
University of Texas, Medical Department

Returns have been received from Boston Medical Library, Hygienic Laboratory, United States Treasury Department, Kansas City Medical Library Association, McGill Medical Library, Medical Library Association, Ramsay County Medical Society Library, University of Michigan Library, and University of Texas Medical Department.

With the aid of exchanges, and by purchase from funds appropriated for the purpose by the Library Committee, we have, since November 1, 1915, completed our files of the following journals:

American Labor Legislation Review, New York.
Archiv für Protistenkunde, Jena.
Archives Italiennes de Biologie, Turin and Pisa.
Bulletin de Laryngologie, Otologie et Rhinologie, Paris.
Chemical Abstracts, Easton, Pa.
La Chronique Médicale, Paris.
L'Experience, Paris.
Internationales Centralblatt für Ohrenheilkunde, Leipzig.
Journal of Race Development, Cambridge, Mass.
Revue Médico-Chirurgicale des Maladies des Femmes, Paris.

Amount of fines collected from November 1, 1915, to November 1, 1916, $34.75.

The following is a list of the rare medical books and works of special interest received during the past year:

Incunabula

(Total number of incunabula at this date, 193)

Abiosus, Joannes. Dialogus in astrologiæ defensionum. Venice, Franciscus Lapicida, 1494. [Hain 24.]

Very rare work, and the only work printed by Lapicida. This copy was bound by Rivière.

Fund for Rare Books.

Albucasis. Incipit liber servitoris. [Simple medical preparations.] Venetiis, Nicolaus Jenson, 1471. [Copinger 3450.]

Only a few copies known. Very valuable from a typographical point of view, being a dated Jenson work of 1471.

Fund for Rare Books.

Alchabitius. [Libellus isagogicus de planetarum conjunctionibus.] Venetiis, Johannes & Gregorius de Gregoriis, 1491. [Hain 618.]

An unusually interesting copy. The ordinary edition is described by Hain 618. This copy, however, has a number of pages printed in a type larger than that used in the bulk of the work; and the first line of b 3 belongs to some other medical book.

Fund for Rare Books.

Benedictus, A. De observatione in pestilentia. Venetiis, per Johannem et Gregorium de Gregoriis, 1493. [Hain 807.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Censorinus. [De die natali.] Bononiæ, Benedictus Hectoris, 1497. [Hain 4847.]

Fund for Rare Books.

de Thienis, Gaietanus. [Recollectæ super viii libb. physicorum Aristotelis.] [Tarvisium, Hessen, 1474.] [Hain 15496.]

Important and little-known work by the third printer in Treviso, who printed only two works.

Fund for Rare Books.

Works of Special Interest

Aristotelis. Utilissimus liber. . . de secretis secretorum. Burgos, Andrea de Burgos, 1505.

Black letter. Only a few copies known.

Fund for Rare Books.

Arnoldus de Villa Nova [et al]. Le tresor des pauvres. Lyon, Nourry, 1518.

Fund for Rare Books.

Avicenna. Omnes canones prima fen quarti canonis Avicene. Papie, de Garaldis, 1517.

Five parts in one volume. Extremely rare; unknown to most bibliographers.

Fund for Rare Books.

Browne, Sir Thomas. Pseudodoxia epidemica. Second edition. London, Miller, 1650.

Presented by J. Percy Keating, Esq.

B[ulwer], J[ohn]. Anthropometamorphosis. Man transform'd. London, Hunt, 1653.

Has many curious woodcuts. Bound by Rivière.

Fund for Rare Books.

Chappusius, Nicolaus. De mente et memoria libellus utilissimus. [Paris, Badius, 1515.]

Badius, the printer of this work, was the rival of Aldus in the issuing of classical publications.

Fund for Rare Books.

Ferrerius, Augerius. De pudendagra, lue hispanica libri duo. Antverpiae, apud M. Nutii viduam, 1564.

Ferrerius was physician to Catherine de Medici.

Fund for Rare Books.

Fuchs, Leonhard. New Kreüterbuch. Basell, Isingrin, 1543.

Very rare first German edition. This edition and the Latin edition of 1542 were regarded by William Morris as the finest illustrated Herbals ever produced.

Fund for Rare Books.

Ganivetus, Joh. Epistola astrologie defensiva. Lugdunenis, Kleyn, 1508.

A rare work.

Fund for Rare Books.

Hegendorff, Christopher. Encomium ebrietatis. Lipsie, Schumann, 1519.

Very rare edition.

Fund for Rare Books.

de La Vauguion. Compleat body of chirurgical operations. London, Bonwick, [1699].

Plates lacking.

Presented by Dr. M. W. Zimmerman.

London's dreadful visitation; or, A collection of all the bills of mortality for this present year. . . beginning with 20 December, 1664. London, Cotes, 1665.

Presented by Sir William Osler, Bart.

Mousin, J. Discours de l'yvresse et yvrongnerie. Toul., Philippe, 1612.

First edition from a rare Provincial press.

Fund for Rare Books.

Nicolaus Salicetus. Liber meditationum. Venetu, Lucantonius de Giunta Florentinus, 1501.

Fund for Rare Books.

Scot, Reginald. Discoverie of witchcraft. London, Brome, 1584.

Black letter. This copy is complete, containing the very rare pages of illustrations between pp. 352 and 353.

Fund for Rare Books.

Shuttleworth, John. Treatise of opticks direct. London, Midwinter, 1709.

Fund for Rare Books.

Taisnerius, Joannes. Opus mathematicum octo libros complectens. Coloniae Agrippinae, Baumius, 1583.

Fund for Rare Books.

Valles Covarrubianus, Franciscus. Controversiarum medicarum et philosophicarum. Lugduni, Rouillii, 1591.

By purchase.

Manuscripts

[Smith, Daniel B.] Notes on the lectures on midwifery in the University of Pennsylvania. [Philadelphia, 1810.]

Presented by the Library of Haverford College.

[Wood, George B.] Catalogue of pupils attending the lectures on materia medica and pharmacy at the University of Pennsylvania. [Philadelphia, 1840–1849.]

Presented by Miss Juliana Wood.

Other Interesting Additions

Königl. Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Berlin. Three-mark piece struck in honor of the first centenary, 1910.

Presented by Dr. W. W. Keen.

Pilcher, Lewis Stephen. Bronze medal to commemorate fifty years of practice.

Presented by the Pilcher Centennial Committee.

Royal Army Medical Corps. Several souvenirs of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Presented by Dr. W. W. Keen.

Siamese Twins. Scrap Book.

A volume from the library of the late George Dunn, containing a collection of illustrations in black, white and colors, of the Siamese Twins; together with bills, posters and descriptive matter issued at the time of their exhibition in England. [Deposited in the Mütter Museum.]

Presented by Sir William Osler, Bart.

We have also received during the year many interesting and more or less valuable autograph letters.

The figures in the present report, when compared with the previous year, show a decrease in the number of visitors (2,360); the number of visits made by Fellows (1,399); the number of books consulted (6,962); and the number of books taken out (266). The "Study-rooms," on the other hand, show a decided increase in the number of volumes called for and retained in these rooms. The average has been 203 volumes, an average increase of 28 over the past year.

No improvement can be reported in regard to the receipt of foreign medical literature; on the contrary, the continuance of the war, with the restrictions imposed from varying circumstances, has led to a practical stoppage of mail and freight delivery from certain countries. For instance, comparing the number of subscriptions to periodical publications on our cards with the actual

number received during the past year, there is a loss in the foreign periodicals, other than Great Britain and her colonies, of more than 300. No periodicals in the German language have been received since March, 1916. Our agents state that most of the journals are being published and that a copy of every issue is held for each name on the subscription list, and that all will be delivered as soon as the necessary arrangements have been completed. We are confident, however, that since the beginning of the year 1914 quite a number of journals, as well as other serial publications, in the French, Italian and German languages, have ceased publication. How many, and what they are, will not be known until peaceful conditions have been restored and time allowed for readjustment.

In regard to books, there has been a considerable increase in the number of new publications received (160). We stated in last year's report that when compared with 1913 there was a loss of about 90 per cent. of books published in the French language; about 69 per cent. of books published in the German language, and about 34 per cent. in the publications of Great Britain. Making the same comparison between the years 1913 and 1916, we find a loss of 81 per cent. in French publications; 84 per cent. in German publications and a gain of 7 per cent. in the publications of Great Britain. These figures, therefore, show an increase of 9 per cent. of French publications, and a loss of 15 per cent. of German publications over the year 1915, and an increase of 41 per cent. in the publications of Great Britain over 1915.

It must be understood, however, that these figures relate to the new publications received by this Library, and are not intended to represent an authoritative statement of the number of medical publications issued in the countries mentioned.

During the past year the Library Endowment Funds have been increased by the Morris Longstreth Library Fund, $7110.08, and an addition to the Louis A. Duhring Library Fund of $4656.70.

Total amount of Library Endowment Funds at this date: $305,461.88.

In closing, a comment in regard to the storage of our books and periodicals in open stacks seems wise and pertinent. The stacks for this Library were built in the most approved manner at the time of their erection (1908); fire-proof, according to modern construction; a window opposite each aisle in the stacks and a window at the ends of the main corridor on each floor; the window-panes of wire-glass set in steel frames with an automatic low-fused steel fire curtain for each window—light and air, according to the opinions of the time, being absolutely necessary for the care and preservation of books. It is impossible to fit steel casement windows tight enough to prevent the entrance of more or less dust, according to location; and the most serious problem in the use of open stacks is to prevent damage to the books from the constant handling in the attempt to keep them sufficiently free from dust, to be ready for use when called for. This building is so situated that the dust, which penetrates every closed window, including the stacks, contains a large percentage of soot, a form of dust which cannot be removed entirely with a high-power vacuum cleaner, but only by wiping with cloths, and then a smudge is left which shows, more or less, on the tops of the books. The comparison, if it could be made at present, would show a marked difference in the general condition of the books that were brought to this building after, say, twenty-five years in the locked cases at Thirteenth and Locust Streets, and after nine years in their present location in open stacks.

Modern lighting (electricity) and forced ventilation (filtered air with exhausts) in stacks built without windows or skylights, in the opinion of the Committee, furnish the only feasible plan for the proper care of large collections of books, open and ready for use at all times. What little dust is carried in and accumulates can readily be disposed of by powerful blowers in connection with an exhaust on each floor, without handling the books.

It seems urgently necessary that the present windows should be so sealed as to be absolutely dust-proof, or perhaps completely closed. In either case a special lighting and ventilating system would have to be installed. These measures, it need hardly be

added, would entail a not inconsiderable expenditure of money. There can be no doubt, however, that the Library is at present threatened by a deterioration of the books upon the stacks.

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